

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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April 2010

## April Recycling Pick-up Dates

April 13 & 14

April 27 & 28

## From the Selectmen's Office

### Annual White Goods Pick-up

Our annual white goods pick-up will take place on **Saturday, April 24**. Residents must purchase a sticker from the Selectmen's office at \$10 for each item. For any items containing Freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) the owner must present proof of Freon evacuation when purchasing the sticker. Items must be placed roadside by 7:00 am. Any questions can be directed to the Selectmen's office at 642-6400 x10.

### Wind Storm Debris

Residents may bring any brush up to 5 inches in diameter to the highway shed. The gate is open 8 am-4:30 pm 7 days per week. For budgetary reasons, there will not be roadside pickup.

## In Case of Power Outage

### A Refuge for Heat-Sensitive Pets

Sue Kern of 49 Prescott Road, who has a certified non-profit shelter for ferrets in her home, has asked the Newsletter to announce that in the event of a power outage, she would be glad to provide temporary shelter for any residents' heat-sensitive pets such as fish, snakes, lizards, birds, etc. Her phone number is 778-0172.

## Waste Tonnage Figures

	December	January
Tons, Mixed solid waste	138.49	102.31
Tons, Recycled goods	26.19 (15.9%)	25.2 (19.8%)

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The dates for Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day and locations Brentwood residents can use are:

**Saturday, May 22, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Hampton** at the "Old Town Hall Parking Lot," corner of Academy Ave. and Winnacunnet Road.

**Saturday, September 25 in Brentwood, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Public Works Facility on Middle Road (Route 111A) next to the Congregational Church.

**Brentwood residents can use either or both dates and locations.**

Electronic items as well as the usual Household Waste items are accepted. There is a charge for Electronic items (computers, TV's, etc.) but not for HHW items. The list is expected to be the same as last year and should be available 4 weeks before the big day. The printed list will be at the Town Office Building.

As usual, questions can be directed to Doug Cowie either at 642-4157 or [cowiedoug@comcast.net](mailto:cowiedoug@comcast.net).

*Doug Cowie*

## Two Former Town Officials Have Passed Away

Word has been received that **Ruth Brown** passed away at the age of 90 on March 20 in Steelville, Missouri where she had been living near her daughter. Ruth served as Librarian of Mary Bartlett Library from 1977 to 1982. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library.

Announcement was made this week of the sudden death of **Robert Battles**, 58, on March 24 at his home in Madbury. Bob lived in Brentwood for quite a few years, served on the Planning Board for seven years in the 1980s, and as a selectman from 1990-96, and served a period as chairman of each board.

**TOWN OF BRENTWOOD** On the Web: [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov)**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14  
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30  
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00  
 Friday 8:30-4:00  
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310  
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30  
 Friday 9:00-1:00

**MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY**

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: [bartlettlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:bartlettlibrary@comcast.net)  
 On the Web: [www.brentwoodlibrary.org](http://www.brentwoodlibrary.org)  
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5  
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1  
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1  
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

**SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Phone: 642-3487  
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>  
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

**From the Town Clerk**

- I wish to thank everybody who helped with the election on March 9th.
- When transferring your plates to a new car, please bring the old registration. A copy will cost you \$17.50.
- Also when registering your car, please bring two checks, one for the State and one for the Town. We only take checks or cash.
- Dog licenses are in and all dogs must be registered by April 30, then fines start.
- Just a reminder that on Tuesdays we are open from 9:00 am until 8:00pm.

*Phyllis Thompson*  
 Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**Mailing Crew for March**

A special thank-you to those in the Brentwood Forest neighborhood who rallied after the power outage and prepared the extra large March issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Heather Arkell, Tara Ball, Deb Claar, Torie Freeman, Ralph Freeman, Sophie Freeman, Donna Poirier, Linda Rousseau and Molly Supple.

*Linda Rousseau, Editor*

**Gardening Volunteers Wanted for Spring Clean-Up**

Are you a local organization/person needing community service projects? Do you want to make our little town brighter and cleaner? Please join the Brentwood Gardeners in our GARDEN CLEAN-UP – **Saturday morning, April 10, at 9 AM** at the library. To sign up please contact Ann Dillon at 778-1093 or [dills@comcast.net](mailto:dills@comcast.net).

*Ann Dillon*

**Town Democratic Committee**

The Brentwood Town Democratic Committee will meet on Monday, April 19 at 7:00 pm at the Mary E. Bartlett Library, 22 Dalton Rd., Brentwood. We will be reviewing the content of the state party platform currently being developed, discussing issues of relevance for the election season, and considering activities to engage voters in our town. Please join us to share your thoughts and ideas for strengthening the party locally.

*Eric Turer, Chairman*

**April deadline:** Your editor will be out of town April 21-25. E-mails for the May *Forum* will be acknowledged beginning April 26. *Linda Rousseau, Editor*

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**Deadline for May Issue: Friday, Apr. 23**

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,  
 or e-mail to [lindarou@rcn.com](mailto:lindarou@rcn.com)

## Brentwood Town Elections



Elected officials sworn in at Town Meeting on March 13 were, from left to right: Elizabeth Faria, Cooperative School District Board, Ken Christiansen, Budget Committee, Linda Garey, School Board (Brentwood District), Bruce Stevens, Planning Board, Eugene Orcutt, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Malcolm Allison, Budget Committee, Jeffrey Bryan, Selectman, John Stevens, Cemetery Trustee, Elyse Gallo Seeley, Budget Committee, Kevin Johnston, Selectman, and Richard Chamberlain, Moderator.

### Thank You

On behalf of the entire Brentwood Fire Department I would like to thank all the community for the support of the new fire station. 386 registered voters attended a Saturday Town meeting on March 13 and overwhelmingly endorsed the bond with 326 "yes" votes. We were expecting another close vote, as in the past three years, but were extremely pleased with the final outcome this year.

This will literally bring the town into the 21st Century and fulfill the last of the major improvements toward the town's master plan goals. Within the next few months, the Fire Department expects delivery of the new engine and ground work of the new station should also be well under way by then. It will be a very busy year for us with all these improvements, and we will be actively pursuing several grants for other equipment needs. Each successful grant improves the level of safety for the department and the community as a whole with minimal or no financial impact to the town.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member or assisting in any way towards these improvements to our community is encouraged to stop by the fire station during the week or give us a call at 642-8132. We are always seeking assistance and are willing to train

anyone with an interest in helping others. We thank everyone for your support and look forward to a visit from all of you at an open house in the very near future.

**Gary Raymond**  
*Deputy Chief – Fire Prevention*

### Report from Your State Representative

A few hundred bills had to be disposed of by March 25, and the atmosphere in the House in March was more workmanlike than in February.

In the January Newsletter I reported that a tax on dividends of limited liability companies was not much of an issue. I based this assumption largely on a statement by the chairman of the NH Business and Industries Association (BIA), who downplayed the significance of the tax. Turns out that he and I were mistaken. Outcries against the LLC tax grew, and the BIA changed its tune and opposed imposition of the tax. One outcome of the sound and fury was that the governor, who had favored the tax, called for its repeal as part of a broader review of the state's tax system. He did this after it became clear that, thanks to their lawyers, the biggest LLCs would not have to pay the LLC tax.

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Another tax that bit the dust was a 9% levy on campsite visitors. Never mind that all neighboring states have campsite taxes and that campsite owners did not believe the tax caused the recent lower incidence of camping, the House voted 202-125\* (as previously, the asterisk shows how I voted) to repeal it. With this and other efforts to raise revenue unsuccessful, the legislature must come up with cuts in state programs in order to balance the budget. The House Finance Committee made a stab at this by passing House Bill 1664, which included some painful provisions, including a one-year increase in retiree contributions to the state pension fund, no funds for LCHIP (land conservation) projects, reduction in Medicaid funding, reestablishment of a waiting list for certain medical services.

When the Senate failed to enact any budget cuts or revenue increases except for a gambling bill, the House was left holding the bag, with the onus for balancing the budget placed on it. Unwilling to go this route and implement cuts that would fall heaviest on the poor, the House voted 212\*-151 to kill HB 1664 by tabling it.

The necessity to balance the budget remains. In coming weeks the House will take up the bill passed by the Senate to allow slot machines and table games in six locations throughout the state as a source of revenue. The governor, who wants to wait to see the Gaming Study Commission's report in May, opposes the Senate bill, which, in any event, may not make it through the House. Whether or not it does, the legislature still will have to cut spending.

Two gun-related bills were considered. A 205\*-107 vote defeated a bill exempting guns made in NH from any federal regulations. More contentious was a bill, HB 1693, to overturn a Joint Legislative Facilities Committee decision to ban weapons in the State House complex. Proponents argued that the ban was an infringement on the right to bear arms. By a vote of 191\*(187 Democrats and four Republicans) to 167 (159 Republicans and eight Democrats), a majority disagreed, finding that, as is the case in 46 other state houses, firearms have no place in our State House.

A proposed constitutional amendment, CACR 29, stipulated that "the state shall not abridge the responsibility of parents for the health, education, and welfare of their children." Sounds okay? Well, not really. The Children and Family Law Committee voted 16-0 against the proposal because state intervention could be necessary if a child's welfare was jeopardized by parental abuse or neglect. A mix of 249\* Democrats and Republicans agreed with the committee and opposed the bill while 96 Republicans supported it. In the House debate on the amendment, opponents pointed out its enactment would render unconstitutional many laws whose intent is to protect children.

In February I reported that the House upheld the Education Committee's recommendation to defeat a bill

that would have established new standards, goals, and reporting requirements for home schooling. That having been done, and nothing afoot to lay new requirements on home schooling, it was curious that many home schooling parents urged passage of HB 1580, which declared that parents "have a natural, fundamental right to determine and direct the education of their children." On the face of it, this, like CACR 29, seems unexceptional. But a majority of the Education Committee concluded that one consequence of the bill would be that all current educational regulations on home schooling would be null and void. In a 175\*-144 vote the House killed the bill.

HB 1343 would set up a committee to determine the constitutionality of federal "acts, orders, laws, statutes, regulations, and rules" and thereby protect state sovereignty. I heard nothing convincing during the debate that there was a need for such a committee. Moreover, the legislature already has much too many committees, some of which serve no useful purpose. Furthermore, it simply would not be practicable for the proposed new committee to review the multitude of federal actions that might possibly impinge on New Hampshire's sovereignty. And in fact any legislator may introduce legislation to address any possible intrusion on our state's rights. In a 208\*-123 vote, the bill was defeated.

Although a veto by the governor is certain, the House voted 214\*-137 to decriminalize possession of one-quarter of an ounce or less of marijuana. Possession would still be against the law, but the fine would be much reduced and violators would not be subjected to the burden of having a criminal record.

In other matters the House:

- Adopted apple cider as the state beverage (I guess that doesn't include hard cider);
- Referred for interim study a bill to prohibit smoking on beaches and at state parks;
- Set up statewide guidelines that local law enforcement agencies can use for notifying neighborhoods of the release of a sexual offender who would be residing there;
- Updated existing law by offering greater guidance to school districts to improve policies for responding to incidents of "bullying, harassment, intimidation, and cyberbullying."

**Don Petterson**

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## Recent Events at Swasey Central School

### Boston Museum of Science Demonstrates Cryogenics to the 5th Graders



The Boston Museum of Science visited Swasey fifth graders on February 19 to present "Cryogenics: States of Matter." Emily Early assists in one of many experiments.

The Museum of Science brought a presentation to the 5th graders, arranged by their teacher Kim Woods. The traveling team needed about 45 minutes to set up the activities, and the presentation lasted for about an hour.

The boys and girls were able to assist with many of the experiments. This presentation tied in with the science curriculum, specifically the hands-on unit about matter.

### Communicating with Students Across the Country



Luke Stephens, Emily Early, Mia Andreozzi and Molly Hemenway interact with a class in Texas.

Students in the fifth grade at Swasey Central School participated in "Read Across the Planet" on Friday, March 5 to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and "Read Across America." We split our three classes, Mrs.

Babine's, Mrs. Rushia's, and Mrs. Woods', into two groups. Mrs. Babine was able to sign out our SAU16 video conference equipment. With this interactive technology, one group was able to video-conference live with a fifth grade class in Katy, Texas and the other group with a class in Haslett, Michigan. Mrs. Babine's class has used this equipment twice already this year to conference with a 5th grade class in Yorktowne Heights, New York.

The Swasey students shared information about New Hampshire, such as skiing, ice fishing, maple sugaring, and Mt. Washington, through charades, a poster, and interesting facts. We collaborated in small groups to research each of these aspects of New Hampshire life.

The group conferencing with Michigan learned about their state bird, and other interesting facts about Michigan. The class from Texas shared about Dr. Seuss and his books that they have read. Swasey also played a rhyming word game with the Texas students.

We thought it was very interesting because you could see them on a screen and hear them talk, just like they were in the room even though they were very far away. Being able to connect with another classroom from our room here at Swasey was a fun way to learn about other parts of the United States. We also thought it was very fun, and we would like to do it again.

*Lauren Arkell and Brynna VanSant, 5th Grade*

### Authors and Books



I've attached a picture from a recent visit from Author Lita Judge on March 16-17. She is a fascinating person with wonderful life experiences and we enjoyed all of the programs she presented. She met with each grade level and presented three different programs based on her books and the age of the students. I usually choose the authors from people I see at conferences like the NH Educational Media Association, which

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is where I saw Lita last year. An author visit has become a yearly tradition at Swasey. We feel the students are motivated when they hear the author's stories and tips about their writing experiences. The Parent Faculty Group provided part of the funds for this visit as they have for the past few years. Additional funds come from the book fair fundraiser.

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from April 19th through the 21st. More information can be found on the Swasey Website, <http://scs.sau16.org>.

*Cynthia M. Buckels, Library Media Specialist*

### **Benefit 5K Walk or Run for Angie – May 23, 2010 8:30 a.m.**

Angie French Bertram is a wonderfully caring 42-year-old woman who suffered an AVM (Arterio-Venous Malformation) in her brain stem. She has been married for 15 years to Kurt (who grew up in Brentwood and graduated from Exeter High School). They live on a 95-acre farm with 40 alpacas and their beloved dogs. Angie's passions in life have been her animals and teaching. She taught science for 16 years at the high school and middle school levels. Some of you may know her from her work as an 8th grade science teacher at the Cooperative Middle School. Her dedication to her students and to her career was recognized when she was named Rookie Teacher of the Year for New Hampshire in 1993.

On August 29, 2008 Angie had a stroke when the AVM in her brain stem hemorrhaged. The injury to Angie's brain was significant. Her vision, hearing and ability to move were all impaired. She has severe motor ataxia that impacts her ability to walk and to care for herself independently. Angie's cognition was not affected. She remains the intelligent and capable person she has always been. Throughout her life Angie has always been strong and determined and finishes what she starts. She is now faced with her most daunting challenge and she is facing it with courage and perseverance.

Please join us to support Angie and Kurt on May 23 at Exeter High School and run or walk! You can register for the race online at:

<http://www.active.com/running/exeter-nh/5k-run-or-walk-for-angie-2010>

Or contact Pam Carr for a registration form: [carrps@comcast.net](mailto:carrps@comcast.net).

### **Swasey Parent Faculty Group**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Our next meeting will be devoted to some very important issues: Next Year's Budget, New Board Members and Fundraising Events for Next Year. We need as much input on these items as possible, so please attend this next meeting: **April 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** All PFG Executive Board positions are open for next year. If you are interested in running for a position please email Mrs. Ostrowski ([jostrowki@sau16.org](mailto:jostrowki@sau16.org)). Don't forget to attend the April meeting to find out more about each position. Elections for new board members will be at the May meeting.

Congratulations to Kellie Day, the winner of the March Meeting drawing. She went home with a gift certificate to Blue Moon Market.

Square One Art Order Pick-Up Dates are tentatively set for April 7 and 8.

**Box Tops for Education** - this year has been a great success so far, so keep clipping those box tops. Send in your box tops with your child, drop them off at the Brentwood Library or bring them to the next PFG meeting.

**Equipment Swap** - On **April 10** from **9 am to Noon** the Swasey Central School PFG, in conjunction with the Brentwood Recreation Commission, will be hosting its Spring **Used Sports Equipment Swap**. Come and exchange or purchase equipment for you and your kids. This is an opportunity to turn in your outgrown, but still useful, sports equipment and swap it for sizes that will fit for the coming season(s). The swap will be held at the **Brentwood Recreation Building** on Route 125 and we have **three** dates for you to stop by the Recreation Building and drop off items for the Swap.

For each item you give, you will receive a ticket based on the value tier of your item. Items will be categorized into three tiers, Gold, Silver and Bronze. In this way you can swap things you can no longer use for things you can. The day of the Swap non-ticket-holders can also purchase items depending upon the items level, in the Gold (\$15.00), Silver (\$10.00) and Bronze (\$5.00) levels.

**The drop-off dates for used equipment will be:**

<b>Wednesday April 7</b>	<b>from 4pm to 6 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, April 8</b>	<b>from 3pm to 5 pm</b>
<b>Friday, April 9</b>	<b>from 6pm to 8 pm</b>

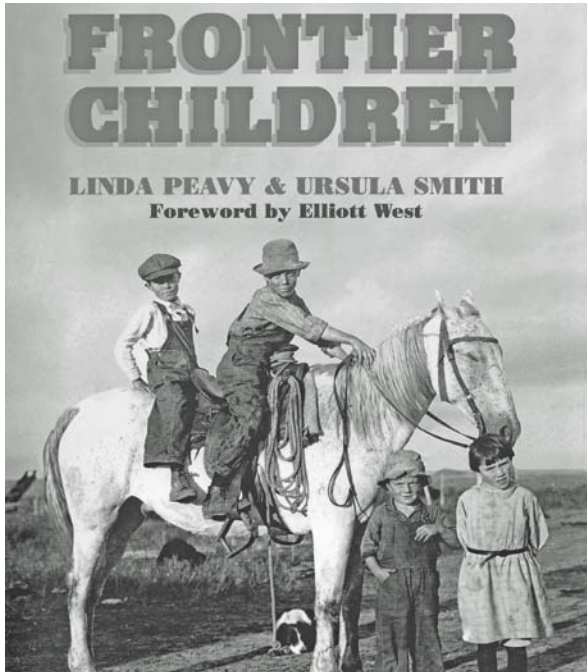
**We will be accepting all gently used sports equipment for the Swap.**

Please make sure the items you are donating are clean and free of rips or tears. Volunteers will be on hand to review equipment and may not accept some more-than-gently-used items.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We **will not** be able to accept items the day of the Swap.

*Pam Carr*

## The Life of Frontier Children



Almost 100 years ago these children posed proudly and happily with their favorite horse and dog. Come to the Bartlett Library on **Thursday, April 8, 7:00 pm** to hear a program on a subject rarely written about -- the lives of children on the frontier.

The authors Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith will recount what they have learned about the family life, work, play and schooling of the children of westward bound settlers, Indians, Hispanics, Asians and African Americans.

Presented jointly by the Brentwood Historical Society and the Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library with a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, the program will highlight the contrasts in childhood then and now, and encourage the listener to consider the merits of each. The program is free and the public is most cordially invited.

## Willow Pond Community Farm

It's April and Willow Pond Community Farm is beginning its 7th season. This year 54 families will be receiving a weekly share of vegetables grown on land across from Swasey School. Our farmer, Maggie Donovan, is returning for her second year and she will be selling vegetables at the Exeter and Portsmouth Farmer's Markets as well. Maggie has been starting seeds at Joe Gancarz's greenhouse on Lake Road and will be getting out into the fields as soon as they dry up.

Many of you may have attended one of the Winter Farmer's Markets sponsored by the Seacoast Growers Association that were held once a month at Exeter High School. If you did not, there is still one more on **Saturday, April 10** from **10 AM to 2 PM**. The attendance has

been remarkable, evidence of the growing interest locally as well as nationally, in changing to a healthier, more humane, and locally based food system.

To address the issue of our food sources, and choices, Willow Pond and the Mary Bartlett Library are co-sponsoring a showing of a new documentary film "**FRESH**" at the Library **Wednesday, May 12 at 7pm**.

Unlike the recently popular film "FOOD, INC" which focuses on the problems of the American industrial food system, "FRESH" is about the solutions, about sustainable agriculture and local, small-scale farmers and business people all over the country who are changing the way we eat.

The 70-minute film (appropriate for children, too) will be followed by a discussion/question session led by members of Willow Pond Community Farm. Hope to see you there!

*Joan Pratt, for the Core Group,  
Willow Pond Community Farm*

## Brentwood Conservation Commission Events

### Discover the Wonder of Vernal Pools! A Free Workshop for Kids and Adults

**Saturday, May 1, 2010 - Rain or Shine!**  
**10 am - Noon**  
**Brentwood Town Office**  
**Dalton Road**

Vernal pools are temporary bodies of water created after the snow melts in the spring. Vernal pools provide critical habitat for salamanders, wood frogs, fairy shrimp, and many other creatures. We will meet in the Brentwood Town Office for a short presentation on vernal pools, followed by a walk into the woods behind the Swasey School for a hands-on inspection of critters. Dress for the weather and join us!

This FREE workshop is presented by the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) and the Brentwood Conservation Commission. For more information, please call ERLAC at 778-0885.

### Spring Bird Walk

**Saturday, May 15, at 7 am**

Join the Brentwood Conservation Commission and the Seacoast Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society as we look for spring migrants at the Brentwood Wetland Mitigation Area. If you not have seen a blue heron rookery, you do not want to miss this opportunity. Meet leader Mark Hatfield at the gate to the mitigation area on Pine Road. The gate is next to Seacoast Mills Building Supply on Pine Road. For directions and information call Mark at 659-0705.

## Brentwood Historical Society

At a business meeting in March the Historical Society, acting on the suggestion of Norman Wilson, named Maureen Menter as the new Curator and Norman Wilson as Assistant Curator. They will work together to make the transition as soon as possible.

The main activity for the month of April will be the program on "Frontier Children" on **Thursday, April 8**. We are presenting it jointly with the Friends of the Library. It will take place at the **Mary E. Bartlett Library beginning at 7:00 pm**. The speakers, Linda Peavey and Ursula Smith, have written several books on the lives of women and children during the frontier days of the West, and this year they received the coveted Willa Award for their latest book, "Full Court Quest," about a little known but extraordinary basketball team made up of women students at a Montana Indian School. Their Brentwood program is sponsored by a grant from the N.H. Humanities Council.

The month of May will be devoted to some Open House hours at the Historical Society Museum, when a new "Library Corner" and some new exhibits will be on display. Details will be announced in the next *Newsletter*.

**Items needed for the Museum** -- The Historical Society would be very grateful for the following:

1. Quilt racks
2. Good dehumidifiers
3. Clothes racks and/or drying racks -- very useful for exhibits

For further information call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635.

*Linda Rousseau for the Society*

## Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors meeting of March 24 will be remembered for the delicious pot luck luncheon and the interesting program given by Christie Hammani on the Adult Medical Day Program at the Rockingham County Nursing Home. Members learned that this program can provide variety, interest, companionship and medical supervision for a broad range of people while allowing them to continue living at home.

The meeting of **Wednesday, April 28** will again be a potluck luncheon, at the Community Center, 190 Rte.125. Membership should **arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 am to help with set-up** and have appetizers. The business meeting will begin at 11:30, after which the lunch buffet will be open. After lunch the members will settle down to play board games. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite game.

New members are always welcome in the Seniors and do not have to be a town resident to join. For information call Eugene Orcutt, president, at 642-4597.

## Business Card Directory

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

Appliance Services, Inc. -- Wayne St. Hilaire  
 Arbonne International -- Michelle Siudut  
 Beebop Technologies -- Sean Hartnett  
 Brentwood Chiropractic Center -- Will & Lanie Herrick  
 Brentwood Country Animal Hospital -- Jody Kaufman  
 Brentwood Kitchens -- David Roberts  
 Buxton Oil Co. -- Donna Buxton  
 Buxton Water -- Donna Buxton  
 Cadieux Flooring -- Jill Cadieux  
 Century 21 Realty -- Lucie Case  
 Crawley Falls Antiques -- Donna Judah  
 Creative Self Storage -- Rodney Barker  
 Deer Hill Electric -- Roger Savage  
 Dias Law PLLC -- Keith Dias  
 Difeo Oil & Propane -- Spencer Deal  
 Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella -- Doug Mansfield  
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 Mary Kay -- Paula Beebe  
 Michelle's Pet Spaw -- Michelle Powers  
 Mortenson-DuFresne Monumental Works -- Doug Finan  
 MS Trucking -- Mark Stevens  
 Murphy & Murphy Real Estate -- Dot Murphy  
 New England Picture -- Tim Hannan  
 New Venture Pet Sitting -- Kim Belliveau  
 Ouellet, Ronald E., CPA  
 Pickpocket Arts -- Bonnie Porter  
 Real Estate Hub -- Michael Hubbard  
 Seacoast Mills Building Supply -- Mary Bosch  
 Seekamp Environmental Consulting -- Patrick Seekamp  
 Stevens Pool Water -- Mark Stevens  
 Swasey, Russell, Carpenter-BUILDER  
 Tibbetts, John D. -- Building & Repairs  
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 Wellington Gardens -- Christine Wellington  
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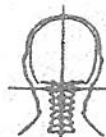
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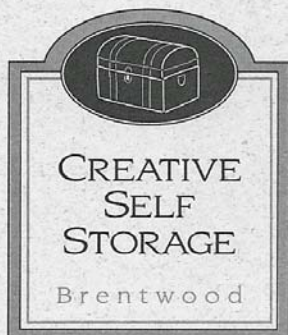
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Remember, you do not have to live in Rockingham County to take advantage of these programs--if you live within a 45-mile radius of Brentwood the bagged fish will travel well. If you are traveling further, you should have an aerated tank to transport the fish. The trout will be ready for transport and must be picked up between 1:00 & 1:30 PM and released into your pond as soon as possible. The New Hampshire-based hatchery is licensed and inspected annually. Again this year they have received a disease-free health report. If you're planning a derby now is the time to stock! Does your pond have an algae problem? RCCD also has Barley Straw available to help control algae.

While you are at it, don't forget the RCCD annual plant sale May 1 from 10 am-2 pm, with a selection of fruit and fir trees and perennials. RCCD will also have a selection of colorful hanging baskets just in time for Mothers Day!

For additional information and to receive a trout or plant order form, please contact [rccd@rockinghamccd.org](mailto:rccd@rockinghamccd.org) or call (603) 679-2790, or visit [www.rockinghamccd.org](http://www.rockinghamccd.org).

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## Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Betty L. Russell** of Prescott Road, who died February 26 at Exeter Hospital. She had lived in Brentwood for 35 years and worked as a nurse's aide at Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **John "Rick" Richard Bruno** of South Road, who died February 25 at Exeter Hospital. A native of Denver, he had moved to Brentwood several years ago and had a business, Shivano Co., Inc. in Seabrook.

## Rockingham County 4-H Groups Prepare Favorite Foods

The 2010 Rockingham County 4-H Favorite Foods Festival featured 50 youth participants. Held recently at the Ellis School in Fremont, the festival celebrated food, health, community and learning. The festival, sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program in Rockingham County and organized by 4-H Volunteer Leaders, provides an opportunity for 4-H youth and adult volunteers to prepare a food for judging, and to share it during the "community" tasting.

Participants are asked to place the meal within a healthy menu and do some research into the sources of their ingredients and the nutritional value of their creation. The goals of the event are to have a fun while providing the audience with a better understanding of our food and of our neighbors.

Participating as judges were State Reps. C. Pennington Brown, Frank Case, Kim Casey, and Betsy Sanders; teachers and students from the culinary arts program at Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter; chefs from local restaurants and catering establishments (one of whom admitted to picking up a quiche recipe for the following day at her café!); 4-H Volunteer Leaders; and representatives from Seacoast Eat Local and UNH Cooperative Extension's Nutrition Connections Program.

Crowd favorites included Swedish meatballs prepared by Cameron Villnave, Danville; Spaghetti pizza by James Vogel, Raymond; Macaroni and cheese by Ben Villnave, Danville; 4-H chicken stew by Olivia Smith, Atkinson; **24-hour salad by Grace Magnusson, Brentwood**; Asparagus and mushroom tarts by Tara Mullen, Nottingham; **Chocolate peanut butter coffee cake by Julia Kneeland, Brentwood**; Fruit salsa with cinnamon tortillas by Amy Hanlon, Chester; Cinnamon pretzel bites by Gaelan Carman, Sandown; Peanut butter cup cookies by Michael Hanlon Chester; and Texas potatoes by Jenny Hutchinson, Deerfield.

Community-centered values are at the heart of the 4-H Youth Development program, which emphasizes the hands-on science-based learning of practical skills. These areas of focus make the program as relevant today in Rockingham County as it was when it began here in 1914.

The festival was made possible in part through a Wal-Mart Foundation for Healthy Living Youth Grant and National 4-H Council, as well as donations from Home Goods, Fleishman's Yeast, King Arthur Flour and Sam's Club.

For more information about the UNH Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, contact the 4-H Youth Development office in Rockingham County at 603-679-5616 or visit [extension.unh.edu](http://extension.unh.edu).

## **Brentwood Recreation News**

### **Baseball/Softball**

Schedules for the up coming season will be available on our web site in April. Actual seasons to begin last week of April or first week of May.

**Field Clean-up day will be April 10 beginning at 9 am.** Please bring your rakes, wheelbarrows and gloves and join us as we can get our fields ready for the season!

Team pictures will be taken on May 2. Coaches will notify their teams with time.

### **Summer Soccer Camps**

We will offer two soccer camps this summer for children 4-12 years.

- ▶ PlaySoccer the week of July 26-30.
  - ▶ Challenger Sports the week of August 23-27.
- Brochures and Sign-up forms will be available in the Recreation office or online.

### **Adult Coed Softball coming this June!**

We will start an over-30 Coed Softball League here in Brentwood. The season will run mid-June through mid-August. If you are interested in playing or have a group interested in forming a team, please contact the Recreation office for more information.

### **The Coyote Club is Coming to Brentwood!**

#### **Coyote Club Wilderness Education Class Only 3 openings left!**

Coyote Club is designed to introduce children to nature-based studies, native crafts and environmental stewardship. The program includes survival skills, wilderness awareness, navigation/mapping, animal signs and much more! The program is designed for kids grade K-5. The six week course runs Monday afternoons from 3:20-4:30pm

**May 3 to June14 (No class May 31)**

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See [www.nhecology.com](http://www.nhecology.com) for more detail.

### **Yoga Classes**

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### **Tang Soo Do Classes**

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Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement office Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Classes are available Monday and Friday at the Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00pm. Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point.

Cost: \$50/single per month

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For more information contact instructor Bob Meegan at 742-3565 or contact the Recreation office.

### **Cribbage Group**

Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Our group meets at the Brentwood Community Center on Route 125 for a fun, casual evening of cribbage playing. If you would like to join us or just want more information, please contact: Ursula Mackey at [ucbm@comcast.net](mailto:ucbm@comcast.net) or 603-642-9178. A \$1 donation is appreciated. **All are welcome!**

### **New England Revolution Soccer at Gillette Stadium**

Brentwood Recreation will offer discount tickets to a New England Revolution game this summer. Watch for more details on date and price.

### **Facilities Rental**

Remember there are still weekday and weekend dates available at the Community Center. Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, [www.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.brentwoodnh.gov). Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

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## **Brentwood Gardeners**

The members of the Gardeners have enjoyed a long string of good speakers over the years, but there was something extra special about Jamie Colen, Garden Director of the wonderful Fuller Gardens in North Hampton.

On a dark and rainy night in March he talked about simple things we think we all know about – soil, adding good things to make the soil better (bark mulch is so acid it's bad for most plants and bushes); how to acclimate a rose bush (get it ready for winter) and how to deacclimate it (bring it back from its winter freeze); what is happening when a plant is grafted. Then, of course, the history of the Fuller estate, and beautiful pictures of the roses at Fuller, most of whose names he could rattle off. Filled with his generous information and common-sense attitude about growing, many of us went home with a determination to try a rose bush or two, doing it the Fuller way.

The point of giving details like this is to help the newer residents of Brentwood see that the "Brentwood Gardeners" are not a fancy bunch, not the stereotype garden club where members die to get first place for the perfect flower arrangement. Brentwood's members are busy people who happen to love working outside with their bushes and flowers, and they like having guest speakers who can make it easier and more foolproof for them. They also are proud of what they can do to spruce up certain spaces around town, which adds to everyone's satisfaction at living in a neat, attractive town.

The next program will be on hostas – a wonderful topic for beginning gardeners and veterans alike. Nothing can add importance and form to a garden or walkway like hostas, and there is great variety in size and color, with new types always emerging. The guest speaker will be Sue Anderson of Mason Hollow Nursery in Mason, New Hampshire, which grows 300 varieties of hostas to sell. ([www.masonhollow.com](http://www.masonhollow.com)). Hint: these speakers often bring some plants with them, which members can buy and take home. The hosta program will be **Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 pm at the Brentwood Community Center, 190 Rte. 125.**

The May program, on Wednesday, May 26, will feature Claire McGrail, who will speak on "Dahlias."

The Gardeners have a big warm welcome for all new members and visitors, as well as delicious refreshments and of course an excellent program! For more information call Diantha Wade, president, 772-5217.

*Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners*

## **Brentwood's Christmas Tree Limo Fund Grant Open for Applications**

If you are a Brentwood community organization or service and need short funds for a specific project, you can apply for this grant and use it to enhance your organization and our community. You DO NOT need to be a 501-3C organization, but if you are, you may be eligible for matching grants as well.

Grant applications are now available at the Brentwood town offices and at the library. You can also e-mail [treelimo@comcast.net](mailto:treelimo@comcast.net) with the word "Application" in the subject line to print an application.

The grant's criteria are simple:

- Targeted use of funds exclusively for Brentwood community or a Brentwood-based organization.
- Imminent need for funds (within one year).
- Financial hardship.
- Restricted resources of other funding.

**There is a May 1 deadline, and award notification is June 1.**

## **Peppermint Ponies 4-H Club and Summer Camp**

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4-H club meetings to learn more about horses, ponies, 4-H and group hands-on activities. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 679-3367, 303-1584, [j.brubacher@comcast.net](mailto:j.brubacher@comcast.net), [www.northroadfarm.com](http://www.northroadfarm.com), [www.peppermintponies4h.org](http://www.peppermintponies4h.org). Scholarships available.

## **Achievement**

Congratulations to **Kellie Farrar**, whose business, Coaching + Healthy Lifestyle Services, was awarded the title of 2010 Business of the Year in the lifestyle/wellness category by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

April! Are you ready for a bit of good weather, possibly a few blossoms and longer days? We have a large gardening section just in case you are so inclined. There are also a number of good books about outdoor structures, walks, landscaping and other outdoor home improvement ideas, depending on your ambition level, of course.

On **Thursday, April 15 at 7:00**, we are privileged to present **Dusty Bunker**, local author of many books on astrology, dreams and numerology as well as her well-received *Number Mysteries*. Dusty's topic will be "The History and Magic Symbolism of the Tarot."

Our **Ladies Night Movie** is scheduled for **Thursday evening, April 22** and is, of course, at our **usual 7:00 p.m.** "Blind Side," rated PG, and starring Sandra Bullock is a true, inspirational sports story.

The **Friday Night Flicks** for children are scheduled for **April 9 and 30 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be showing *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* on the 9th and *Ponyo*, a Walt Disney movie based on *The Little Mermaid* on the 30th. Popcorn provided and everyone is welcome.

The MEB **Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday the 26th**. You all know the time and the place, and newcomers are more than welcome. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* is this month's choice.

All of you parents, I am sure, are aware that school vacation is the last week of April. The Seacoast Science Center, located at Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, will present a program at the Library about tide pools and cool crustaceans like lobsters, crabs, sea stars and urchins on **Wednesday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.** This is a forecast of the good things coming this summer like sun, sand and the ocean.

We will be showing *Curious George 2, Follow that Monkey* on **Tuesday morning April 27 at 10:30 a.m.** and we will definitely have a Rainy Day movie on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. depending on the weather, of course.

We have a great new addition to the Downloadable Book Program. Not only can you download audio books to iPod, but you will be able to use your Nook, Sony Reader, PC or Mac computer and download books.

The other day I was reading an article that said cheapskates are the ones who use libraries for borrowing DVDs, CDs and whatever. I say that libraries are the smart place to go. Why not get the latest movies, books, audio books and books for absolutely nothing? Does that make you a cheapskate or just plain smart?

Joyce Miller is putting out an early request for toys of all sorts for the kid's summer reading yard sale. The children are happy to be able to purchase toys with

tokens earned for their summer reading accomplishments. She also would appreciate any Bingo games that you no longer use. Recycle with us!

Looking ahead to May, Joan Gattorna will be here with a living history presentation, *Petticoat Patriot: A Woman in the Continental Army*. She will be bringing to life the story of Deborah Sampson, a young woman who disguised herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army for 17 months during the American Revolution. Visit us for this theatrical presentation, but be forewarned ... we aim to gear our refreshments to the occasion, so we will be serving hardtack.

The library has a fan page on FaceBook. Check us out!

*Marilyn Morehead, Library Director*

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## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library meet monthly, on the first Thursday of the month to talk about how we can assist our librarians with programming, projects and fundraisers. Our next two **monthly meetings** will be on **Thursday, April 1 and Thursday, May 6** at 9:30 am. Please join us to share your ideas! All are welcome. If you would like to receive an email reminder about upcoming meetings, please send an email to [marybartlett76@yahoo.com](mailto:marybartlett76@yahoo.com).

This month, on **April 7 and 21**, our final two **workshops on *The Financially Fit Family*** will take place, from 7 to 8:30 pm. These workshops were designed to help you evaluate and gain confidence with your financial needs. Please contact the Library at 642-3355 for sign up information, as seating is limited.

On **Thursday, April 15**, Brentwood resident **Dusty Bunker** will offer a fascinating presentation called "History and Magic Symbolism in Tarot." Dusty is an author, numerologist and astrologist. She has studied and lectured on astrology, numbers, dreams, symbolism and other metaphysical subjects. This is sure to be a fascinating evening.

Please remember all of the passes offered through the Library and The Friends of The Library. With the warm weather and school vacation approaching, this is an excellent time to take advantage of some of these passes. Travel to museums in Boston, or Portland, Maine -- or visit one of the nine attractions in our own great state. For the complete listing visit the Library website at <http://home.comcast.net/~bartlettlibrary> and click on the "Family Fun Passes" link on the bottom right.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- April 8 **"Frontier Children" – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library** – Linda Peavey and Ursula Smith, speakers.  
Presented by the Brentwood Historical Society and Friends of the Library.
- April 9 **Friday Night Flick** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 10 **Sports Equipment Swap** – 9 am – Noon, Community Center  
Town Clean-Up with Brentwood Gardeners – meet at 9 am at the Library.  
Field Clean-up Day, all Brentwood Recreation fields – 9:00 am on  
Farmers' Market – 10 am – 2 pm, Exeter High School
- April 12 School Board meeting – 6:15 pm, Swasey School Library
- April 13 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 14 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 15 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building  
**"History & Magic Symbolism in Tarot," Dusty Bunker, speaker – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library.**
- April 19 Library Trustees – 6:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 20 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library  
Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 22 **Ladies' Night at the Movies -- 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library**
- April 26 "MEB Bookers" Book Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 27 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building  
Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 28 **"Tide Pools & Crustaceans"** – Seacoast Science Center at the Library, 10:30 am  
Brentwood Seniors – Community Center; 11am social hour, 11:30 bus. meeting.  
**"Growing Hostas," Sue Anderson, speaker - Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Community Center,**
- April 30 **Friday Night Flick – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library**
- May 1 **"Vernal Pools" – 10 am-1 pm**, meet at Town Office Bldg. Sponsored by the Cons. Commission,  
see page 7.
- May 3 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building  
Firemen's Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House
- May 4 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 5 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- May 6 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building

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